



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 2000

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

ILLINOIS, South

Jackson County (Mdh)Crbandl/Mrfysbro	03	0910CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)^M 60 MPH gusts were measured at the Carbondale Airport.
Union County Jonesboro	03	0915CST			0	0			Hail (0.88) A trained spotter reported nickel-size hail.
Jackson County 2 NE Carbondale to 4 NE Carbondale	03	0918CST 0922CST			0	0	150K		Thunderstorm Wind (G100) Thunderstorm winds estimated over 100 MPH destroyed a brick home and numerous outbuildings. Several homes were partially damaged from fallen trees. The path of this thunderstorm downburst extended into nearby northwest Williamson County near Cambria.
Williamson County Cambria	03	0922CST 0924CST			0	0	100K		Thunderstorm Wind (G75) Thunderstorm winds estimated near 90 MPH severely damaged a wood frame home and partially unroofed several other homes. This thunderstorm downburst originated just northeast of Carbondale in Jackson County, and caused extensive damage in the Cambria area before dissipating.
Johnson County .5 W Vienna	03	0938CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind Trees were blown down.
Franklin County West Frankfort	03	0940CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52) Tree limbs were down near West Frankfort.
Pope County Golconda	03	1000CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50) Tree limbs were blown down.
Pulaski County Mound City	03	1010CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Massac County Countywide	03	1100CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50) Tree limbs were down countywide.
Williamson County Marion	03	1407CST			0	0	100K		Thunderstorm Wind (G87) A thunderstorm microburst caused extensive damage to a machinery company in Marion. A wind gust estimated near 100 MPH damaged roof sections of two buildings. A survey by National Weather Service personnel indicated the damage path was only about 150 feet long. One employee sustained minor back injuries. The main damage area was in the middle of the roof of a warehouse building. A smaller building adjacent to the warehouse had roofing peeled off. The damage area on the roof of the smaller building was roughly 16 by 20 feet and consisted of roofing and steel I beams. The damage to the roof of the larger building was about 30 by 50 feet in area.
Union County Countywide	03	1415CST 1600CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
Williamson County Countywide	03	1415CST 1600CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld A series of thunderstorm complexes dumped over 4 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. A period of intense rainfall produced rapid



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ILLINOIS, South

risers in creeks and small streams, as well as some urban street flooding in Marion. No flood damage was reported.

Massac County **Countywide**

03	1500CST 1700CST	0	0	10K	Flash Flood
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A series of thunderstorms during the early morning hours produced 3 to 5 inches of rain, which saturated the ground. Another round of storms during the late afternoon produced another inch or two in a short time, which triggered flash flooding. North of Metropolis, Weaver Creek rose out of its banks, briefly causing traffic problems as it covered Old Marion Road. Several other local streams overflowed their banks. Flooding made several county roads impassable for a short time. On one county road, a five or six foot culvert was washed away, causing an extended closure. A railroad underpass was closed due to high water.

Johnson County **Countywide**

03	1500CST 1700CST	0	0	10K	Flash Flood
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Up to five inches of rain during an eighteen-hour period raised creek levels and closed a number of county roads. Up to seven county roads were closed by rising flood water. A number of other county roads were damaged to varying degrees by erosion.

ILZ075>078-083

Jefferson - Wayne - Edwards - Wabash - White

17	1600CST 2300CST	0	0		Freezing Rain
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A period of freezing rain during the evening hours produced a light glaze, less than one quarter inch thick. Some icing occurred on roads, mainly on bridges and overpasses.

ILZ075>078-080>094

Jefferson - Wayne - Edwards - Wabash - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - White - Jackson - Williamson - Saline - Gallatin - Union - Johnson - Pope - Hardin - Alexander - Pulaski - Massac

22	0800CST 1600CST	0	0		Snow
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Snow began during the morning hours and continued intermittently through the afternoon. Accumulations averaged only an inch or two, but roads still became quick slick. Slick roads may have contributed to a single-car accident in northern Pope County that critically injured a man.

INDIANA, Southwest

Vanderburgh County **Evansville**

03	1110CST	0	0	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were down.

Posey County **Mt Vernon**

03	1150CST	0	0	4K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Three power poles were down at Harbortown. Trees and power lines were down .

Vanderburgh County **Evansville**

03	1158CST	0	0	5K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were down in downtown Evansville.

Vanderburgh County **Evansville**

03	1210CST	0	0	100K	Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
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Thunderstorm winds caused extensive damage in a small area, covering approximately a four square block area on the east side of Evansville. About 25 homes were damaged. Most of the damage was due to trees being blown onto roofs. Five homes had to be abandoned due to severe roof damage. Damage to the remainder of the homes was mainly light. A vehicle was damaged by wind-blown fencing. About 30 trees were down.

Pike County **1 NE Cato**

03	1220CST	0	0	25K	Thunderstorm Wind
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INDIANA, Southwest

A house trailer was blown a few feet off its foundation. In the same area, a utility pole was blown over.

Pike County Countywide

03	1530CST 1700CST				0	0					Flash Flood
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Vanderburgh County Countywide

03	1530CST 1700CST				0	0					Flash Flood
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A series of thunderstorms with heavy rain dumped up to four inches of rain through midday, which saturated the ground. Another round of storms during the late afternoon produced 1 to 2 inches of rain, which triggered flash flooding. In Vanderburgh County, extensive street flooding was the main problem. In Pike County, there was significant road and highway flooding. In Petersburg, much of Highway 56 was flooded, along with several side streets.

Spencer County Countywide

03	1810CST 1945CST				0	0	10K				Flash Flood
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An average of 5 to 6 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period. The most intense rainfall and resultant flooding occurred during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Several vehicles encountered high water and became submerged. Occupants of these vehicles were rescued by fire and rescue personnel. Indiana Route 662 near Newburgh was closed by a mudslide.

INZ081>082-085>088

Gibson - Pike - Posey - Vanderburgh - Warrick - Spencer

17	1600CST 2300CST				0	0					Freezing Rain
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A period of freezing rain during the evening hours produced a light glaze less than one quarter inch thick. Some icing was observed on roads, primarily bridges and overpasses. Ice may have contributed to an accident on the Ohio River bridge linking Evansville with Henderson. The U.S. 41 bridge was closed for over an hour due to the accident.

INZ081>082-085>088

Gibson - Pike - Posey - Vanderburgh - Warrick - Spencer

22	0800CST 1600CST				0	0					Snow
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Snow began during the morning hours and continued intermittently through the afternoon. Total accumulations averaged about 2 inches. Roads became very slippery, causing numerous accidents. Indiana State Police reported 28 accidents in southwest Indiana, and 19 of those were on Interstate 64. One of the worst problem areas was in Warrick County, where 12 accidents occurred on Interstate 64. No serious injuries were reported.

KENTUCKY, Southwest

Ballard County Countywide

02 03	2200CST 0400CST				0	0					Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Carlisle County Countywide

02 03	2200CST 0400CST				0	0					Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Hickman County Countywide

02 03	2200CST 0400CST				0	0					Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Repeated episodes of heavy rain from thunderstorms dumped up to 5 inches from late evening into the early morning hours. The report of 5 inches was from the Cunningham area of Carlisle County. Due to the ongoing drought, there were no major flooding problems, although water rose over several spots on low-lying roads such as Kentucky 307.



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

Although the tornado tracked about 15 miles through the county with estimated top winds of 160 MPH, damage was relatively light due to the rural nature of the land. Based on aerial surveys, structures that were heavily damaged or destroyed included 85 homes, 5 to 10 businesses, and 50 to 80 barns and outbuildings. Three people in the Crayne area were transported to a hospital for non life-threatening injuries. About 35 National Guard personnel were deployed to Crittenden County, primarily for damage assessment and security operations. An emergency shelter was opened to accomodate roughly 25 homeless persons.

Webster County

3 SW Diamond to
6 NE Diamond

03	1523CST 1532CST	9	440	0	0	2.4M	Tornado (F3)
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This was one of many rural structures that was destroyed in Crittenden County.

The tornado caused extensive damage in the community of Diamond. Both Crittenden and Webster Counties were declared federal disaster areas.

Fulton County

Hickman to
Crutchfield

03	1515CST 1530CST			0	0	50K	Hail (1.00)
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Wind-driven hail as large as nickels damaged numerous vehicles and windows in Hickman. Quarter size hail fell in Crutchfield.

Fulton County

Hickman

03	1515CST			0	0	50K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Thunderstorm winds produced roof damage. Windows were blown out and trees were down.

Hickman County

Clinton

03	1525CST			0	0	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were down.

Fulton County

Countywide

03	1540CST 1715CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Hickman County

Countywide

03	1540CST 1715CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Thunderstorms with very heavy rain produced 1 to 2 inches per hour on ground that was already saturated from heavy rain earlier in the day. Flash flooding of creeks and roads quickly followed. Water was over several roads around Hickman. State police



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

reported widespread road flooding, with some spots impassable.

Graves County

1 SSE Mayfield

03 1547CST

0 0

Hail (2.75)

Baseball size hail was reported by emergency management officials.

Marshall County

2 S Draffenville

03 1600CST
1630CST

0 0

Urban/Sml Stream Fld

An off-duty weather service employee reported U.S. Highway 641 was down to one lane due to water over the road.

Daviess County

Rome to
Owensboro

03 1606CST
1612CST

7

880

0 18

64M

Tornado (F3)



This Owensboro apartment complex was heavily damaged in the tornado.

The tornado first touched down near the community of Rome, just southwest of Owensboro, and entered the city near the southern boundary of Owensboro Airport. The tornado tracked northeast through the heart of Owensboro before dissipating on the east side of town. Peak winds were estimated at 180 MPH. Since the tornado path was mostly through densely populated residential and commercial areas, damage was in the tens of millions, but injuries were surprisingly few. Of the 18 injuries, one was critical, and the rest were relatively minor. The critically injured person was in a home near the beginning of the damage path. This person sustained broken vertebrae and numerous cuts and bruises. Owensboro landmarks heavily damaged by the tornado included Apollo High School, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and the Winn-Dixie Store. Damage to the 12 buildings at Kentucky Wesleyan College was estimated to be near 5 million dollars. Small to mid size automobiles were tossed about by the wind. Damage to utility lines was extensive, and repairs took about 10 days to complete. Final damage tallies showed about 1200 homes and businesses sustained damage. Of those 1200 structures, 101 were totally destroyed and 573 sustained major damage. Owensboro was declared a federal disaster area. An emergency shelter accommodated roughly 150 persons, including many from local nursing homes. Owensboro schools were closed for a week.

Caldwell County

Countywide

03 1710CST
1915CST

0 0

5K

Flash Flood



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

Crittenden County Countywide	03	1710CST 1900CST			0	0	30K		Flash Flood
Daviess County Countywide	03	1720CST 1900CST			0	0	100K		Flash Flood
Hopkins County Countywide	03	1720CST 1915CST			0	0	400K		Flash Flood
McLean County Countywide	03	1720CST 1930CST			0	0	15K		Flash Flood
Webster County Countywide	03	1720CST 1930CST			0	0	20K		Flash Flood
Henderson County Countywide	03	1800CST 1945CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
Lyon County Countywide	03	1815CST 1945CST			0	0	3K		Flash Flood
Muhlenberg County Countywide	03	1815CST 1950CST			0	0	5K		Flash Flood
Calloway County Countywide	03	1820CST 1955CST			0	0	5K		Flash Flood

A slow-moving band of thunderstorms with torrential downpours affected most of the Pennyriple region of West Kentucky. Storms earlier in the day had already saturated the ground, and this additional rain brought rainfall totals up to 5.66 inches at Princeton, 4.94 inches at Owensboro, and 5.47 inches at Marion. Many creeks and streams rose out of their banks. Many road closures were required due to washouts, especially in Crittenden, Webster, Daviess, and McLean Counties. In Calloway County, Bee Creek flooded fields, including a soccer field. In Daviess County, about 50 homes on the southwest side of Owensboro were threatened or directly affected by flooding. Road closures in Daviess County included U.S. 431 and Kentucky Routes 2707, 2698, 2699, 661, and 81. In McLean County, flooding was reported on Kentucky Routes 256, 797, and 136. Water was also over U.S. 431 at Island. Occurrences of road flooding were less numerous in Lyon and Caldwell Counties. In Hopkins County, between one quarter and one half million dollars damage was caused by road washouts. A Hopkins County school was flooded. In Henderson County, two homes just east and southeast of Cairo sustained flood damage.

Muhlenberg County Drakesboro	03	1725CST			0	0	4K		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
		Several trees were down.							
Hopkins County Madisonville	03	1730CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
		Trees were down.							
Calloway County Murray	03	1740CST			0	0	8K		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
		Tree limbs and power lines were down. Minor roof damage was reported.							
Trigg County Cadiz	03	1745CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
		Nine or ten trees were down.							



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

KYZ019

Daviess

03 2100CST
04 0230CST

0 0

Flood

Very heavy rain from thunderstorms during the previous 12 hours pushed Panther Creek out of its banks.

KYZ018>019

Henderson - Daviess

17 1600CST
2300CST

0 0

Freezing Rain

A period of freezing rain during the evening hours produced a light glaze, measuring less than a quarter inch thick. There was some icing of roads, mainly on bridges and overpasses. Ice may have contributed to an accident on the U.S. 41 bridge over the Ohio River. The bridge was closed for over an hour.

KYZ001>002-006-009-012-017-022

Fulton - Hickman - Graves - Calloway - Trigg - Christian - Todd

22 0400CST
1100CST

0 0

Heavy Snow

Snow began falling shortly before sunrise and ended before noon. The snow fell heavily at times, with snowfall rates between 1 and 2 inches per hour. Total accumulations were 4 to 5 inches from Fulton and Hickman Counties east along the Tennessee border to Trigg, Christian and Todd Counties. Roads quickly became snow covered and slippery. There were a number of accidents, including some on Interstate 24 throughout western Kentucky. Most of the accidents were minor, involving vehicles off the road and in ditches.

KYZ003>005-007>008-010>011-013>016-018>021

Carlisle - Ballard - Mcracken - Livingston - Marshall - Crittenden - Lyon - Caldwell - Union - Webster - Hopkins - Henderson - Daviess - Mclean - Muhlenberg

22 0800CST
1600CST

0 0

Snow

Snow began falling during the morning hours and continued intermittently through the afternoon. Average accumulations were around 2 inches. Roads became very slippery. Numerous accidents were reported. Owensboro police worked 11 accidents during the morning. On the western Kentucky parkway system, a large truck jack-knifed. No serious injuries were reported.

MISSOURI, Southeast

Carter County
Ellsinore to
Grandin

03 0730CST

0 0

3K

Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Trees were blown down.

Ripley County
Naylor

03 0745CST

0 0

50K

Thunderstorm Wind

Along County Road EE, there was a damage path about 1/4 mile long. Along this path, metal sheds were destroyed, a barn was damaged, and a mobile home was blown off its foundation. On County Road CC, an equipment shed was destroyed.

Wayne County
Williamsville to
Greenville

03 0820CST

0 0

3K

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Trees were blown down across E Highway outside of Greenville and across A Highway outside of Williamsville.

Bollinger County
Glenallen

03 0835CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Spotters estimated gusts to 60 MPH. Some trees were down.

Perry County
Altenburg

03 0840CST

0 0

8K

Thunderstorm Wind



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MISSOURI, Southeast

Utility poles were broken, and trees were down on power lines.

Butler County

3 W Poplar Bluff	03	0840CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind
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A barn was blown down, and trees were down.

Cape Girardeau County

Jackson to Shawneetown	03	0850CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
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Emergency management reported gusts near 60 MPH at Jackson.

Cape Girardeau County

Dutchtown to Cape Girardeau	03	0850CST 0900CST			0	3	250K		Thunderstorm Wind (G83)
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Thunderstorm winds estimated between 90 and 100 MPH affected a small area about one-half mile wide and two miles long. The hardest hit areas were along Highway 74 west of Interstate 55, and in the 1200 block of South Kingshighway in Cape Girardeau. On Highway 74, two mobile homes were destroyed, and four others were badly damaged. A man was inside one of the mobile homes, but he escaped with only minor injuries. Two permanent homes were damaged. The roof of a trucking company at the Interstate 55 exit to Highway 74 was torn off, and a shop area of the business was destroyed. The roof was blown off the business office of a quarry on South Kingshighway. A woman in the quarry office received cuts and scratches. A section of Highway 74 west of I-55 was closed most of the day due to downed power lines. About 5,600 homes in Cape Girardeau County lost power due to the storm.

Mississippi County

7 NE East Prairie	03	0946CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Tree limbs and power lines were down.

Scott County

Perkins	03	0946CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Tree limbs were blown down.

Scott County

Sikeston	03	0946CST			0	0	4K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Tree limbs were down.

Ripley County

Doniphan	03	1208CST 1330CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Butler County

Neelyville	03	1215CST 1345CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Scott County

New Hamburg to Sikeston	03	1225CST 1350CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Stoddard County

Dexter	03	1230CST 1400CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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In Ripley County, flooding occurred along and south of the Little Black River and in Doniphan. Extensive flooding of low-lying areas was reported in Butler and Stoddard Counties. Flooded roads were reported in Butler County, but none of them were impassable. In Scott County, a creek rose out of its banks and flooded Route A between New Hamburg and Sikeston. The flooding was the result of a series of thunderstorms during the previous 12 hours that produced a combined total of 4 to 5 inches of rain.

Mississippi County

Countywide	03	1240CST 1355CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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MISSOURI, Southeast

New Madrid County

New Madrid	03	1240CST 1345CST			0	0					Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Slow-moving bands of thunderstorms with torrential downpours brought rainfall totals over 4 inches in most areas. The rainfall total at the Farm Service Agency office at East Prairie for the entire 24-hour event was 7.25 inches. Over an inch per hour fell during the midday hours. In New Madrid, pumps were temporarily overwhelmed, causing streets to flood for about an hour. Across Mississippi County, there was flooding of streets, fields, and drainage ditches.

Stoddard County

Dexter	03	1315CST			0	0	6K				Thunderstorm Wind
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A kennel was destroyed, and trees were down.

MOZ114

New Madrid											
	22	0400CST 0900CST			0	0					Heavy Snow

Snow began before sunrise and continued through mid-morning. Snowfall rates were 1 to 2 inches per hour. Total snowfall in the New Madrid area was 4 inches. The snow caused very slick roads and some accidents.

MOZ100-107>110-114

Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - New Madrid											
	28	0200CST 0900CST			0	0					Snow

Two to three inches of snow fell over extreme southeast Missouri during the early morning hours. Many schools were closed due to slippery highways. State police reported the usual increase in minor traffic mishaps when snow falls.

MOZ086>087-100-107>112-114

Bollinger - Cape Girardeau - Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - Scott - Mississippi - New Madrid											
	28	1500CST 2200CST			0	0					Snow

Snow fell from the mid afternoon hours through the evening. Even though snowfall was only an inch or two, roads became slippery. Numerous traffic accidents were reported, particularly along Interstate 55. Many of the accidents involved vehicles skidding off the highway, some overturning. Some events were postponed due to the weather, such as open houses and dinners.